

Acts of The Holy Ghost

- I. WRITER: Luke is considered to be the writer of the book of Acts
Acts 1:1-3; Lk.1:1-4; Acts 16:8-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:-28:16; Col. 4:14; II Tim. 4:11; Philemon 24
- II. DATE WRITTEN: The book of Acts was written between 61-64 A.D,
- III. The Purpose of Writing the book of Acts
 1. The Book of Acts was written that men might know that they absolutely need the indwelling of the Holy Ghost to live and preach this gospel.
 2. The emphasis of the book is on the importance of Pentecost and being empowered by the Holy Ghost to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.
 3. The main focus is the Gospel must be preached, it only provides some history of the early church, Men of God were persecuted, because critics were blind to what was going on in the realm of the Spirit.

Acts 1:4—*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

5—*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

2:1—*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

20:16—*For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.*

1Cor. 16:8—*But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.*

Paul was determined to remind them of what took place on the day of Pentecost and that they should be moving on in the Holy Ghost not away from Him.

The book sheds light on the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, who empowers, guides, teaches, and serves as our Counselor and Comforter. We are enlightened and encouraged by the many miracles that were performed during this time by the disciples mainly Peter, John, Stephen, Philip Barnabas, Paul and Silas.

- IV. The Theme

The Acts of the Holy Ghost in the lives of the Apostles

v. **Key Verses**

Acts 1:4—And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5—For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

8—*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

2:4—*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

38—*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

3:21—Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

4:12—*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we **must** be saved.*

19—*But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.*

20—*For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*

31—*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

5:32—*And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

6:3—*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.*

5—*And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*

7:51—*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

55—*But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,*

9:3—*And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:*

4—*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*

5—*And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

6—*And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou **must** do*

15—*But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:*

16—*For I will shew him how great things he **must** suffer for my name's sake.*

10:38—*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

44—*While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*

11:15—*And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.*

16—*Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*

24—*For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*

13:2—*As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*

4—*So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*

52—*And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.*

14:22—*Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we **must** through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*

15:8—*And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;*

14—*Simeon hath declared how God at the first did **visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.***

16:6—*Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*

7—*After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*

31—*And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

19:2—*He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.*

6—*And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

20:28—*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

VI. **Synopsis:**

The book of Acts gives some history of the Christian church and the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as the opposition to it. Although many faithful servants were used to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, Saul, whose name was changed to Paul, was the most powerful witness. Before Saul was converted he took great pleasure in persecuting and killing Christians. Saul's dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-31) is a highlight of the book of Acts. After his conversion he went to the extreme opposite of loving God and preaching His Word with power, through the Spirit of the true and living God, giving the church a pattern to follow.

1Tim. 1:16—*Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first **Jesus Christ** might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.*

- A. The disciples were empowered by the Holy Ghost to be His witnesses in Jerusalem (chapters 1-8:3), Judea and Samaria (chapters 8:4-11:18), Antioch (11:19-13:3) and to the ends of the earth (chapters 13:4-28). Paul's three missionary journeys (13:1-21:16), his trials in Jerusalem and Caesarea (21:17-26:32) and his final journey to Rome (27:1-28:31).
- B. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem is mentioned 9:26-27;
his second, 11:29-30, 12:25;
his third, 15:1-19;
his fourth, 18:21-22;
his fifth, 21:17-26:32

1. The transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant of grace and faith is seen in several key events in Acts.

3:25—*Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed*

shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

7:8—And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

- a. The change in the ministry of the Holy Ghost, whose primary function in the Old Testament was the external “anointing” but now to be within them

Moses – Numbers 11:17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

Othniel (Judges 3:8-10), Gideon (Judges 6:34), and Saul (1 Samuel 10:6-10).

- b. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost came to dwell in the hearts of the disciples that were assembled together fulfilling the promise Jesus gave to them.

Luke 24:49—And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 14:16—And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17—Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

- c. The indwelling of the Holy Ghost is the gift of God for every believer to receive. You are not filled or indwelt with the Holy Ghost at new birth. The infilling comes after you have received the gift of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord, and then receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. 45

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Eph 1:13—*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
14—*Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Romans 8:9—*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

10—*And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Regeneration) Jn.3:3, 5;15:3; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5*

11—*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

1Cor. 3:16—*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

2. Paul had a dramatic transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

Php 3:6—*Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

(Saul persecuted anyone who taught salvation by grace through faith in Christ. But after his conversion, he realized that all his legalistic efforts were vain)

Php 3:8—*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

9—*And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

Acts 9:17—*And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

3. Peter's vision of the sheet in Acts 10:9-15 is another sign of the transition from the Old to the New Covenant. The Unity of Jew and Gentile in one faith is provided. The "clean" animals symbolizing the Jews and the "unclean" animals symbolizing the Gentiles were both declared "cleansed" by God through the sacrificial death of

Christ. No longer under the Old Covenant without the power to keep God's Laws, both are now united in the New Covenant of grace through faith in the shed blood of Christ on the cross.

B. God can take ordinary men and endue them with power through His Spirit.

1. God took fisherman and used them to turn the world right side up.

Acts 17:6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

- a. God took Saul of Tarsus a Christ-hating murderer and changed him into the greatest Christian evangelist the world has ever known, the author of fourteen books of the New Testament. God used persecution (Acts 8:1-9:4) to cause the quickest expansion of "new faith" in the history of the world.
- b. God will do the same through us—changing our hearts, empowering us by the Holy Ghost, and giving us a passion to spread the good news of salvation through Christ. If we try to accomplish these things in our own power, we will fail. Like the disciples in Acts 1:4,8, we are to wait for the empowering of the Spirit, then go in His power to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat.28:19-20; Mk.16:15-20).

VII. Introduction to the Book of Acts

1. Christ worked and taught "through the Holy Ghost." While He was on earth in the flesh, Luke 4:14,15
2. Christ was totally dependent upon the Holy Ghost. He had to surrender Himself and make Himself available to the Spirit, so must we.
3. The Holy Ghost gives to the disciples the power to witness the Word of God that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.

Acts 1:1—*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

2—Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Luke 3:16—*John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:*

17—*Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.*

4:14—*And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.*

Through the power of the Holy Ghost Jesus taught fishermen that He could fill ships with fish to the sinking point with broken nets (Luke 5:1-11)

Luke 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Here are a few scriptures showing the words revealed to the disciples, 6:20-49; 8:4-17; 9:22-23; 12:22-50; 14:27; 18:31; 19:10; 21:28,36; 22:19-20; 31-32,40,46,69; 24:6-7,32

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 8:18—Take heed therefore **how** ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Mat. 16:18—*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

19—*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

The four gospels showed us how the foundation of that house was laid;

The book of Acts shows us how the superstructure began to be raised,

1. All the promises of God are made good,
 - a. The great promises of the descent of the Holy Ghost, and his wonderful operations, in the apostles no longer weak-minded and weak-hearted, able now to bear (John 16:12-15) as bold as lions and face those hardships of which they once trembled as lambs.

The Holy Ghost makes the preaching of the Word mighty to the pulling down of Satan's strong holds,

2Cor. 10:4—*(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

The word preached without the power of the Holy Ghost can be preached in vain. The commission granted to the apostles was executed, and power to witness was exerted and souls were saved and miracles happened, restoring sick bodies to health and dead bodies to

life, miracles of judgment, striking rebels blind or dead; special miracles and imparting spiritual gifts to the spiritually hungry.
Acts 19:11—*And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:*
Romans 1:11—*For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;*

- b. The proofs of Christ's resurrection in the gospels are abundantly confirmed in Acts,

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Christ called His disciples to be His witnesses through the power of the Holy Ghost, as fishers of men, and enclosing multitudes in the gospel net, as lights of the world, and salt of the earth, so here we have the world enlightened by them; the day-spring from on high we find shining more and more.

The corn of wheat, which fell to the ground, springs up and bears much fruit; the grain of mustard-seed there is here a great tree; and the kingdom of heaven, which was then at hand, is here set up.

Christ's prediction of the persecution which preachers of the gospel would be afflicted was abundantly fulfilled, with extraordinary supports and comforts in their afflictions.

1Kings 8:56—*Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.*

Acts 9:31 —*Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in **the comfort of the Holy Ghost**, were multiplied.*

2. Every Holy Ghost filled believer is a member of the Christian church which is the tabernacle of God among men,

This book gives us an account of the framing and rearing of the tabernacle of God among men.

3. The book of Acts reveals the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

VIII. The Commandments in the Book of Acts

1. Christ gave and taught His commandments to those whom He had *chosen*
 - i. He taught them His commandments so that they in turn could teach other's His commandments.

Acts 1:1—*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that **Jesus began both to do and teach,***

2—*Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

3—*To whom also **he shewed himself alive** after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

4—*And, being assembled together with them, **commanded them** that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

8—*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

2:39—*For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

- a. All chosen believers are commanded to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost to be witnesses.

Acts 17:30—*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*

- b. All men are commanded everywhere to repent.

IX. The Promise of Power to Witness

A. "Ye shall Receive Power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you"

1. The Apostles with Power 2:43; 4:33; 5:12;
2. Peter and John with Power
2:14-41; 3:1-4:20; 5:15-16; 8:14,
17; 10:44
3. Stephen with Power 6:8
4. Philip with Power 8:5-13; 39-40

4. Paul with Power
13:9-11, 47; 14:10,20; 16:18,26; 19:6,11-12; 20:9-12; 26:18; 28:5-9

B. "Ye shall be Witnesses unto Me"

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| 1. | Jerusalem | 1:1-8:3 |
| 2. | Judea and Samaria | 8:4-11:18 |
| 3. | Antioch | 11:19-13:3 |
| 4. | Paul's three missionary journeys | 13:4-21:16 |
| 5. | Paul in Jerusalem | 21:17-26:32 |
| 6. | Paul on his way to Rome | 27:1-28:31 |

Acts 27:43—But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44—And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Romans 1:10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

15:23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

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Chapter 1 Christ's last Message to the disciples

- I. Jesus gave commandments unto the disciples through the power of the Holy Ghost
- II. Jesus shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs
- III. Jesus spoke of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- IV. Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for the promise of the Father in Jerusalem.

Chapters 2-3 The Church began at Pentecost

- V. The Church was birthed by the Holy Ghost through much prayer.

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

- VI. The initial evidence of being filled with the Holy Ghost was they spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- VII. The Church received of the earnest of their inheritance prophesied by the prophet Joel.

➤ Acts 2:16-21 **Joel 2:23, 28-32** Eph 1:13-14

- VIII. The Church is a powerful witness.

1. They witnessed the ascension of Christ 1:1-11
2. Mathias, man's replacement for Judas 1:12-26
3. They witnessed Pentecostal outpouring 2:1-41

4. Believers fellowshipping 2:42-47
5. Seeing souls being saved
2:41, 47; 4:4, 33; 5:14; 11:24

IX. The Church preaches and demonstrates the power of the Gospel

Acts 8:25—And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

14:7—And there they preached the gospel.

21—And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

15:7—And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

16:10—And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

20:24—But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

1. Peter and John prays for the beggar
3:1-26
2. Peter and John at the Sanhedrin 4:1-31
3. Ananias and Sapphira die for lies 4:32-5:11
4. Apostles live to preach and teach Christ
5:12-42
5. The Chosen Seven 6:1-7
6. Stephen stoned for preaching Christ
6:8-8:3
7. Philip preached Christ to the Samaritans
8:4-25
8. Philip preached Christ to the Ethiopians
8:26-40
9. Christ arrests church's persecutor
9:3-6

10. Saul converted-churches rest
(Damascus)9:1-31
11. Peter preached Christ to Aeneas (Lyddia)
9:32-35
12. Peter prayed for Dorcas (Joppa)
9:36-43
13. Peter with Cornelius (Caesarea)
10:1-11:18
14. Church at Antioch (Syria)
11:19-30
15. Peter delivered by angel from prison
12:1-19
16. Herod's death
12:20-25

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Chapter 3—Holy Ghost filled Men

This is the first recorded miracle after Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came to dwell in the disciples of Jesus Christ.

This miracle is a sign

We are to be signs to this generation

- Jesus is alive.
- Jesus is to be alive in every believer.
- This is the most important thing God wants people to know.
His Son, Jesus Christ, is alive.

His power is just as active today as it was when He walked upon the earth.

Jesus is now working through His followers. Through every believer, He is reaching out to save, heal, deliver and restore the world. His followers are His instruments, His ambassadors, His representatives,

His messengers, His *witnesses* to a world lost in suffering and death, sin and shame.

God is demonstrating His power, and bearing witness through His followers. In so doing, He has given us some great lessons on witnessing

A changed person, a person who is truly changed by Christ, will cause people to stand in amazement and to wonder. A changed person will stir people to desire the same miracle in their own lives or in the lives of some loved one.

Peter and John were faithful in prayer, "the ninth hour," which was around three o'clock in the afternoon. The Jews observed three stated times for prayer...

- the third hour (9 a.m.).
- the sixth hour (12 noon).
- the ninth hour (3 p.m.).

The very fact that Peter and John were going into the temple to pray indicates they were men of prayer.

Three specific times for prayer every day! Not just praying while on the run, not just *praying always* while we go about our daily affairs, which is what we so often claim and use to salve our consciences. But imagine! Actually having...

- three set periods, concentrated times, three prayer sessions. Shut the world out and focus solely upon God.

Such was the prayer life of Peter and John, and such was the reason Jesus was able to work through them in meeting the desperate needs of suffering men.

Restoration of all things—Acts 3:19-21

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of **restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Mt 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and **restore all things**.

I. Restitution

(GK) apokatastasis apokatastasis, ap-ok-at-as'-tas-is—reconstitution-restitution

“COMPLETE RESTITUTION”

A Restoration of all things to their true order according to God's Eternal Purpose

To restore, means to put into the former situation, to heal, to correct, to put in proper order.

A. Man was made in the Image and likeness of God.

1. In Intelligence
 - i. Intellectually
 1. Full use of the brain
2. In Holiness
 - i. Morally
 1. Totally innocent and separate from sin
3. In Dominion
 - i. Sovereignty
 1. Rule over all the earth

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

B. The fallen creature is restored to his rightful owner

C. The fallen creature is restored to his original state

D. The Over comer will be completely restored to God's Eternal Purpose

1. The broken image of God must be restored
2. The intelligence restored
3. The Holiness restored
4. The sovereignty restored

Rev.

1:6

E. Restoration of faith—Hebrews 11:33-40

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

1. Subdued kingdoms
2. Wrought righteousness
3. Obtained promises
4. Stopped the mouths of lions,
5. Quenched the violence of fire,
6. Escaped the edge of the sword,
7. Out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight,
8. Turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
9. Women received their dead raised to life again:
10. Tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection

11. Trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea,
moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
12. Stoned,
13. Sawn asunder,
14. Tempted,
15. Slain with the sword:
16. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins;
being destitute, afflicted, tormented
17. (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered
in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the
earth.
18. They without us should not be made perfect

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

- a. Prevailing Faith
- b. Preserving Faith
- c. Preparation—Restoration, Transforming Faith
- d. Resurrection Faith
- e. Ascending Faith

Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Life in the Spirit— times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

- I. Taught by the Spirit
 - a. The teaching of those taught by the Spirit
 - b. The revelation of the truth by the Spirit
- II. Led by the Spirit
 - a. Direction in selection of Christian leaders Acts 13:2

- b. Direction in the movement of believer's 16:6-7
- Acts 8:29;
- III. Filled with the Spirit
 - a. By the Earnest
 - b. By Measure
 - c. By Fullness
- IV. Matured by the Spirit
 - a. Developing in the truth
 - b. Ministering the truth
- V. Empowered by the Spirit
 - a. Peter
 - b. Philip
 - c. Paul

Divine Refreshing

- I. Times of Refreshing are absolutely needed
 - a. Recovering all
 - b. Revival
 - i. Compared to rain
 - 1. Former rain
 - 2. Latter rain
 - ii. Showers
 - iii. Streams
 - iv. Pools
 - v. Springs of water
- II. The Source of the Refreshing
 - a. The Presence of the Lord
- III. The time of Refreshing must be sought for
 - a. Sought for by Faith
 - b. Sought for through repentance
 - c. Sought for from God
 - d. Found in conversion
 - e. Found in deliverance
 - i. Delivered from sin
 - ii. Delivered from lukewarmness

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Chapter 4-9 Persecuted Church

- I. Some persecuting the faith
 - The Priest, Captain of the Temple and the Sadducees v.1

- The Rulers, Elders and Scribes v.5
- Annas the High Priest, Caiaphas, John and Alexander v.6

They were the Challengers –The Holy Ghost is the Defender

4:2 “being grieved”

4:7 By what power or by what name have ye done this?

Ac 4:8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel

- John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- Mt 10:17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
- Mt 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

2Tim. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution

II. Some Persecuted for the faith

- a. Preached through Jesus the Resurrection from the dead. 4:2
- b. Preached through Jesus Christ, the cripple man was made whole. 4:8-10
- c. Preached Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected become the Head of the Corner. 4:11
- d. Preached Salvation only through Jesus Christ. 4:12
- e. Preached Jer. 32:17 4:24
- f. Preached Psalms 2:1-2 4:25-26
- g. Preached, prayed and spoke the Word of God with Boldness

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all **boldness they may speak thy word**,

4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

4:33 And with **great power** gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **great grace** was upon them all.

11	h.	Preached against deception	5:1-
16	i.	Preached against sickness and unclean spirits	5:12-
	j.	Preached the Words of life	5:20
	k.	Taught early in the morning in the Temple.	5:21
guards	l.	Preached the Gospel in the temple while the prison	
22-23, 25		guarded the doors of empty prison cells.	5:19,
	m.	Suffered persecution before the council.	5:1-41
Temple	n.	Daily, Preaching and Teaching Jesus Christ in the	
		and in every house.	5:42
	o.	The preaching and persecution of Stephen	6:1-7:60
	p.	The preaching of Philip	8:1-40
	q.	Herod vexed certain of the Church	12:1-23

III. Some that persecuted now Preach

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

4:16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and **we cannot deny it.**

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of **one heart and of one soul**: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Mt 26:74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Mr 14:71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

2Pe 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

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Saul the Persecutor became Paul the Persecuted

Acts 9:1-31
Paul)

Acts 13:9 Saul (who is also called

1Ti 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

- Gal. 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed

Ac 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Ac 22:5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

- Ac 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

An instant decision turned into a lifetime dedication.

Ac 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is **a chosen vessel** unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must **suffer** for my name's sake.

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

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Chapter 10-11 Prejudice Overcome

I. Instructions from God to humble the prejudiced. 10:1-43

Ac 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

- No respecter of Persons
- No respecter of Nations

II. The Gift of the Holy Ghost was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

a. Peter was used of God in Jerusalem 2:1-5:42

b. Peter was used of God in Samaria 8:14-25

c. Peter was used of God of the Gentiles 10:44; 11:15

- Ac 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Ac 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- Ac 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Ac 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which

believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also** was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Ac 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Ac 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

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Chapter 13:1-14:28 Missionary Journeys

Paul, Barnabas and John Mark are on their first Mission

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| 1. | Antioch of Syria | 13:1-3 |
| 2. | Seleucia | 13:4 |
| 3. | The Island of Cyprus | 13:4 |
| 4. | Salamis | 13:5 |
| 5. | Through the Isle unto Paphos | 13:6-12 |
| 6. | Perga in Pamphylia | 13:13 |
| | (John Mark departed and returned to Jerusalem) | |
| 7. | Antioch in Pisidia | 13:14-50 |
| | (Paul's first recorded Sermon) | |

GALATIA

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| 8. | Iconium | 13:51-14:5 |
| 9. | Lystra | |
| 10. | Derbe | |
| 11. | Cities of Lycaonia | 14:6-7 |
| 12. | Lystra | 14:8-19 |
| 13. | Derbe | 14:20 |
| 14. | Lystra | |
| 15. | Iconium | |
| 16. | Antioch | 14:21-23 |
| 17. | Pisidia | |
| 18. | Pamphylia. | 14:24 |
| 19. | Perga | |
| 20. | Attalia | 14:25 |
| 21. | Antioch of Syria | 14:26-28 |

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Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 15 – 18

1. Acts 15:36 “Paul said let us go again” “See how they do”

Paul and Barnabas determined to go but sharp contention arose between them.

Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus with him.

Paul took Silas with him through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.

(Personal conflicts are harder to deal with than doctrinal differences.)

2. Came to Derbe and Lystra Acts 16:1

- ◆ Timothy joins Paul and Silas

16:1

- ◆ Lystra is where Paul was stoned to death

14:19

- ◆ Delivered the decrees

16:14

- ◆ Churches established in the faith and increased in number daily 16:5

2. Phrygia Acts 16:6

4. Galatia Acts 16:6

- ◆ Forbidden to preach in Asia

16:6

5. Mysia Acts 16:7

- ◆ Suffered not to go to Bithynia by the Holy Spirit

6. Troas
 - ◆ Paul is learning to follow the leading of the Spirit
 - ◆ A vision of the Macedonian call
(A man saying "Come over and help us")
16:9
7. Samothracia Acts 16:11
8. Neapolis Acts 16:11
9. Philippi Acts 16:12
 - ◆ Prayer meeting at the river side
16:13
 - ◆ New convert is Lydia
 - ◆ Paul cast out a devil out of a woman
16:18
 - ◆ Paul and Silas beaten and cast into prison
16:23
 - ◆ Paul and Silas sing and praise at the midnight hour.
16:25
 - ◆ Everyone's bands were loosed 16:26
 - ◆ The jailer was saved 16:27-37
 - ◆ Paul being a Roman asked them to come to him.
16:37
 - ◆ Paul was asked to leave. 16:39
10. Amphipolis and Apollonia then to Thessalonica Acts 17:1
 - ◆ Three days reasoning out of the Scripture of the risen Christ.
17:2,3
 - ◆ Some Jews believed and a great multitude of Greeks believed.
17:4
 - ◆ Some Jews rejected the Gospel. 17:5
 - ◆ Sent Paul and Silas to Berea.
17:13
11. Berea
 - ◆ Thessalonians stirring up the people. 17:13
 - ◆ Timothy and Silas stay at Berea while they send Paul to Athens
 - ◆ Berean students searched the Scriptures daily
17:11
12. Athens

- ◆ Paul's spirit stirred because of the idolatry
17:16
- ◆ The philosophers of the Epicureans brought Paul to Areopagus
- ◆ Like to hear new things
- ◆ Paul's sermon at Mars Hill 17:18-22
- ◆ "Certain believed" 17:34

13. **Corinth** Acts 18;1

- ◆ Meets Aquila and Priscilla (tent makers)
18:2,3
- ◆ Paul taught in synagogue every Sabbath
18:4
- ◆ Silas and Timothy came to Corinth
18:5
- ◆ Some opposed
18:6
- ◆ Some believed
18:7,8
- ◆ A night vision 18:9
- ◆ One and a half years of teaching
18:11

14. Ephesus Acts 18:18,19

- ◆ Left Priscilla and Aquila there 18:19
- ◆ Reasoning with Jews in the Synagogue
18:19
- ◆ Bade them farewell 18:21

15. Jerusalem 18:21,22

- ◆ Landed at Caesarea and went to Jerusalem

16. Antioch 18:22

- ◆ Saluted the Church
- ◆ Reported the results as he did on his first missionary journey
14:26-28

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Acts 18-21 Paul's Third Missionary Journey

18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, **strengthening all the disciples.**

1.	Antioch of Syria	18:23
2.	All the Countries of Galatia and Phrygia	18:23-28
3.	Passed through the upper coast to Ephesus	19:1-20
4.	Macedonia and Achaia	19:21
5.	Asia	19:22
6.	Ephesus	19:23-41
7.	Macedonia	20:1-2
8.	Greece	20:2-3
9.	Syria through Macedonia	20:3
10.	Asia	20:4
11.	Tro'as	20:5-12
12.	As'sos	20:13
13.	Mit-y le'ne	20:14
14.	Chi'os	20:15
15.	Sa'mos	20:15
16.	Tro-gyl'li-um	20:15
17.	Mi-le'tus	20:15-16
18.	Eph'e-sus	20:17-38
19.	Coos	21:1
20.	Rhodes	21:1
21.	Patara	21:1
22.	Phenicia	21:2
23.	Cyprus	21:3
24.	Syria---Tyre	21:3-7
25.	Ptolemais	21:7
26.	Caesarea	21:8-15
27.	Jerusalem	21:15-23:30

Highlights

- Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
- 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
- 19:12-23; **17** And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and **the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**
- 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

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Promise

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is **a chosen vessel** unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

22:21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou **bear witness** also at Rome.

26:15-18

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the **heavenly vision**:

Warning!!!

16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

21:27-32 (Attempted murder)

21:33 (arrested) and bound

22:1-21 Paul spoke unto the whole crowd in Jerusalem

22:22-23 Paul's testimony was rejected

22:24-29 Prepared to scourge Paul but find out he was a Roman

22:30-23:10 Paul before the counsel at Jerusalem

23:10-30 Paul in the castle (of Antonia)

23:31-35 Paul at Antipatris kept at Herod's Judgment Hall

24:1-27 Paul before Governor Felix

25:1-12 Paul before Governor Porcius Festus

25:13-26:32 Paul before King Agrippa

27:1-28:31 Paul's voyage to Rome

20:24 But **none of these things move me**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

26:29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and **altogether** such **as I am**, except these bonds

The Life and Ministry of Jesus Continues

I. “Through the Holy Ghost had given commandments” Acts 1:2

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

II. “he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs” Ac 1:3

- A. The fact of the resurrection is based on reliable evidence
- B. Every true obedient believer receives His life more abundantly.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

2Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Tim. 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

- C. : “Many infallible proofs”
 - a. The veil was rent Mat. 27:51
 - b. “The graves were opened”
Mat.27:52
 - c. The Tomb was empty Lk.24:3
 - d. Angels testified, He is not here but He is risen
Lk.24:6
 - e. The precaution of the Jews Mat.27:66
 - f. 40 days alive Acts 1:3
 - g. Seen by two on the road to Emmaus
Lk.24:13-32
 - h. Seen by Mary Magdalene
Jn.20:14-18
 - i. Seen by ten disciples Jn.20:19-24
 - j. Seen by Simon Peter, Cephas—I Cor. 15:5
24:34 Lk.

- k. Jesus appeared before the eleven disciples
Lk.24:36
- l. "Behold my hands and My feet" Lk.24:39
- m. Seen by Disciples including Thomas Jn.20:26-29
- n. The Ascension Acts 1:9-11
- o. The change in the disciples shown in Acts 2:14-47
- p. Seen by Paul as well I Cor. 15:2-8
- q. John saw Jesus in the Spirit Rev.1:10-18
- r. I've been to Calvary I can say I have seen the Lord

III. "speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God"
Acts 1:3

IV. "wait for the promise of the Father" Acts 1:4
Acts 20:24 ...finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Exalt Jesus

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

13:17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

13:23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith—Acts 14:7-10

I. The Source of Faith—14:7 And there they preached **the gospel**.

II. The Need for Faith

a. The man was crippled from birth

14:8—*And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:*

b. God requires faith

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Ac 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

III. The Action of Faith—

a. Paul did three things by faith

i. Paul preached the gospel by faith 14:7

ii. Paul perceived that the man had faith to be healed
14:9

iii. Paul spoke by faith with a loud voice
14:10

b. The crippled man did three things in faith

i. He heard the Word
14:9

ii. He believed the Word 14:9

iii. He acted on the Word 14:10